not as a random conglomerate of ill-assorted content[5]; but
a^ an ordered, articulated, harmonised cosmos, left lt: w
itself and went to sleep behind the clouds, confining His actlon
to strav visits. He is not, as Carlyle Satirises the cleistic
conception, {t *an absentee God sitting idle ever since* ^^ *f*[1] ^[1]
sabbath at the outside of His Universe and seeing it go." w-
'is not a mere impelling force, a mere-sustaining power, which
propels the course of planets and evolves the growth o^
mountains, which reveals itself in lightning, announcers itself
in thunder, treads on the world in earthquakes, which
rushes down in torrents and rolls forth in floods. -He Ls
not a mere Maker or Supporter or Ruler of the UnLiv^".^.
not a mere Mechanic or Mender, but *the. Indwelling Glory w*
all the objects of all thoughts. Re is the Pillar-like one -z^ whom
all worlds, all creatures are held, as the Atharva Veda pro claims.
An absent Deity governing the universe from outside
is a fiction. A self-moving universe is an unrealised ^n^
unrealisable dream of sceptical minds. The Rishis looked
upon God not as outside but as inside the Universe, not as
having- once for all created the Universe and then con lined
His action to occasional interferences, but as

coirfcinnally
creative" from the first till now; not as having
set up certain
laws of nature as substitutes for His own
action or certain
forces other than His own Will-Force, so as to
save 3-lirnself
all further trouble and labour, but as Himself
energising" all
the forces of nature, so that the laws of nature
are" **only** thu
habits of His own activity. The universe is not a
ma-chino
wound up and set going once for all. It is, on
the coi-xtrary.
like a plant which is never cut off from the
forces that vitalise-
it, but is always drawing on them and
transfusing- them
into its life and substance at every part and at
all times.
The Rishis conceived. His divine force or
energy **izot** as
applied to one end of the machine as when a
man **turns** a
handle or works a treadle, but as flowing
equably tlxroxx^h
every vein and nerve of the whole mass, as the
sap pxilses